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MORE EXPLANATION NEEDED

JOHN A. BELL'S explanation of his accommodating check transactions with H. M. Keplart as State Treasurer does not go quite far enough.

SHAM VIGILANCE

THE sensibilities of Council with regard to the Mayor's excellent statement of Thomas F. Armstrong as City Purchasing Agent are in significant contrast to its prostration in disposing of the case.

A NEW ONE

NARCOTIC drugs, as all physicians know, are too numerous already. The chemist's expedition which has brought back to Philadelphia news of the discovery in South America of a drug which "dispels fear" will not have justified the cost of its explorations unless it has other more useful finds to report.

NEIGHBORLY MARS

WHISKING through space on its elliptical orbit, Mars is becoming positively neighborly. At a proximity of 42,000,000 miles the ruddy planet will, however, career away, and not be the most hyper-timorous need be troubled.

AN ENGINE ARMY

THE mind of George Stephenson or Oliver Evans was obviously not deeply concerned for the grace and beauty of that new instrument of mechanical traction which was to transform transportation throughout the globe.

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miles to 25,000 is worth considering. There is many a suburban commuter who has conquered the latter mileage. Galileo would have thrilled at the conception of a planet visually so near.

AS ONE WOMAN SEES IT

Coming of the Sesqui-Centennial May Help the Establishment of Proposed Central School for First-Year Nurses

By SARAH D. LOWRIS I WROTE something concerning my findings on the general subject of trained nurses and the training of nurses some time ago in this column, and since then, and because of what I had written, no doubt, much information from the nursing profession has been sent me.

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NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

PERCY CARROLL FEGER

ON TOO MUCH LAW NOW that the clamor of the primaries has ceased, it might be profitable to mention some social problems which will confront the new Administration and to point out some aspects of government in relation to the public which those elected to office should try to change, in the opinion of Percy Carroll Feger, one of Philadelphia's best-known attorneys.

Three Types of Mentality

There are three types of mentality which produce political action entirely subversive of American democracy: First, the narrow course of repression, and their harsh treatment of the public is best typified by the incident of the Park Commission and the "Parker Division"; the second class includes all those so mentally confused that they frequently are animated by good intentions, they seek to have Government (particularly the Federal Government) superintend the functions of society regardless of constitutional limitations, of State rights, or the rights of the people; in this group fall the advocates of the Sheppard-Towner Maternity Act, the Federal Child Labor Act, and the Federal zoning and traffic laws and some of the members of our legislative bodies who seek to remedy supposed ills by combinations of laws.

Most Dangerous Overlooked

The newspapers and the public writers of the country have devoted so much time to the third class of mentalities, which is by far the least dangerous in America, that they have overlooked the first two classes. Illustration of the attention which is paid to the third class is the constant campaigns against the Republican organization of the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia.

Education the Remedy

Of course, the real remedy lies in educating the people to a sense of responsibility for their Government, and to educate into them such an interest in the workings of their political systems that we will never again hear such expressions as "I never bother to vote," or "Politics is a dirty game," or "The gang counts you out anyway."

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. Previous to the election of 1804, electors were not required to specify which candidate they voted for as President and which as Vice President. This system, which led to confusion and the possibility that the President and Vice President would be of opposing parties, was changed by the Twelfth Amendment to the Constitution, which provided that the President and Vice President be voted for separately by the electors chosen by popular vote. In case no candidate for President received a majority of the electoral votes, the election is thrown into the Senate, which then chooses by a majority vote one of the two leading candidates.

What Do You Know?

- 1. What is an apate? 2. Who was Saint Vitus? 3. What is an accolade? 4. What spirituous liquor is distilled from molasses? 5. What is the possibility that a diaphragm and a diaphragm? 6. What is the name for the structure supporting a member of railway trucks? 7. What is meant by the expression, "In a Plockwick sense"? 8. Who was Mandray? 9. Who was Zurburan? 10. What nation has a red and green flag?